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Week 4 Discussion: Encouragement Along the Way

I think I owe a lot of my positive attitude and resilience to my parents. They both came from poor families and never got handouts. My dad was kicked out of his house at seventeen and decided to join the military, while my mother joined the military because she wasn't encouraged to go to college. After meeting there, they put themselves through college by working and with the money from their G.I. Bill. My mom has a degree in Political Science and my dad has a degree in Computer Programming. I admire their ability to stay focused and work hard despite dealing with difficult life experiences and both of their fathers dying at a young age. It's a big reason why I decided to go back to college after dropping out. Another person that helps me tremendously is my boyfriend. After having a lot of my self-esteem taken from me due to an abusive relationship, he's given me a lot of strength to feel like I can stick up for myself again and overcome my depression. He always nurtures my creativity and we make a really great team. I'm lucky to have an excellent support system and I am always so impressed whenever people are able to excel without one. It's incredibly important to the human experience to feel connected and uplifted by others—something we certainly should not take for granted.